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1. A tool arrangement for binding an object comprising: a lock mount having a sensor and being configured to receive a lock, said lock capable of receiving ends of a band, said sensor having a first sensing position in the absence of the lock a second sensing position in the presence of the lock, and a third sensing position when the lock contains a band.

b 3.² The arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein the lock contains at least one detent which interacts with the band, said detent is deflected out of a rest position in the presence of the band and is sensed by the sensor.

3. The arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sensor has a part which senses the lock.

4. The arrangement as claimed in claim 2, wherein a direction of a sensing movement of the sensor essentially coincides with a direction in which the lock is to be introduced into the lock mount.

b 8. The arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein the tool further has a blade provided for cutting off one band end, and serves as a stop for the other band end.

9. The arrangement as claimed in claim 2, wherein the sensor has a part which senses the lock.

10. The arrangement as claimed in claim 3, wherein a direction of a sensing movement of the sensor essentially coincides with a direction in which the lock is to be introduced into the lock mount.

19. The arrangement as claimed in claim 2, wherein the tool further has a blade provided for cutting off one band end, and serves as a stop for the other band end.

20. The arrangement as claimed in claim 3, wherein the tool further has a blade provided for cutting off one band end, and serves as a stop for the other band end.
